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World champ Go master quits as AI is too good

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THE READING

An 18-time world champion retired because humans cannot beat computers at the game of Go. His name is Lee Se-Dol. Mr Lee is the only person in the world to beat Google's AlphaGo computer algorithm. This is an A.I. computer program to play Go. Mr Lee told reporters that: "Even if I become the number one, there is an entity that cannot be defeated. With the debut of A.I. in Go games, I've realized that I'm not at the top."

Go started in China 3,000 years ago. Today, 46 million people play it in 75 countries. It is the oldest board game in the world. Mr Lee started playing at the age of five. He turned professional when he was 12. He played five games against Google's AlphaGo and lost four of them. He said he won because of a "bug". The bug did not know what to do when Mr Lee made a "tricky" move. Today's Go programs are more powerful than the one that beat Mr Lee.

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. An 18-time	a. the number one
2. the only person	b. in Go games
3. computer	c. world champion
4. computer	d. not at the top
5. Even if I become	e. algorithm
6. an entity that cannot	f. program
7. With the debut of A.I.	g. in the world
8. I've realized that I'm	h. be defeated

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. Go originated in China	a. what to do
2. the oldest board	b. professional
3. turned	c. that beat Mr Lee
4. He played five games against	d. 3,000 years ago
5. He said he won because	e. Google's AlphaGo
6. The bug did not know	f. move
7. Mr Lee made a "tricky"	g. of a "bug"
8. more powerful than the one	h. game in the world

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

An 18-(1) _____ retired because humans cannot beat computers at (2) _____ Go. His name is Lee Se-Dol. Mr Lee is (3) _____ in the world to beat Google's AlphaGo computer algorithm. This is an A.I. computer (4) _____ Go. Mr Lee told reporters that: "Even if I become the number one, there (5) _____ that cannot be defeated. With the debut of A.I. in Go games, I've realized that I'm not (6) _____."

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PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BOARD GAMES SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about board games in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

Write about **board games** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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